[Mr. N. V. Chacko.]

(*e*) the distance of the places in Aikkaranad nearest to and remotest from the Perumbavur Munsiff's Court from that Court and the Muvattupuzha Munsiff's Court.

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) (i) 6 miles from Muvattupuzha.

(ii) 16½ miles from Perumbavur.

(*d*) & (*e*) (i) 16 miles from Muvattupuzha.

(ii) 10 miles from Perumbavur.

Petition from Mr. N. P. Varughese re : transfer of jurisdiction over Aikkaranad pakuthi.

84. * **Mr. N. V. Chacko :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they and the High Court received petitions from Mr. N. P. Varughese, B. A., B. L., President, Aikkaranad Agriculturists' Association, on behalf of the people of Aikkaranad praying that the civil jurisdiction over the Aikkaranad pakuthi may be continued as at present under the Muvattupuzha Munsiff's Court ;

(*b*) the area of the Aikkaranad pakuthi ; and

(*c*) the population of Aikkaranad ?

Mr. C. O. Madhavan : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 19·67 Square miles.

(*c*) 15,680 as per the Census of 1931.

Contract for supply of tyres for transport buses.

85. * **Mr. Nedumangad R. Kesavan Nair** (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have at present given any contract for the supply of tyres for the transport buses to any company, concern or individual, and, if so, whether they will lay on the table a copy of such contract ; and

(*b*) whether tenders have been called for such supply, if any ?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The contract for the supply of tyres for the Transport Department has been given to Messrs. Ardeshir & Co., Tyre Factory, Madras. As the agreement is one that has been entered into between a commercial department and a business firm it cannot be placed on the table without the firm's approval.

(*b*) Enquiries were addressed to all companies dealing in tyres in India and the present contractor was the only one agreeable

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